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- 1. EMBASSY CONTACTED NAZIR HADAYA, A VERY LARGE AND WELL-ESTABLISHED SYRIAN FIRM (SEE WTDR, DAMASCUS 2577 DATED APRIL 27, 1976). MR. HADAYA CONFIRMED THAT HIS U.S. SUBSIDIARY IS SHOPPING FOR QUALITY BANK NOTE PAPER TO PRINT ONE-HALF TO ONE MILLION SYRIAN PASSPORTS. HE STATED MINISTER OF INTERIOR PERSONALLY ASKED HIM TO ARRANGE FOR NEW KIND OF PAPER.
- 2. CONSULAR OFFICER CALLED ON PASSPORT DIVISION, MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, AND WAS TOLD MINISTRY HAS NO PLANS MAKE LARGE-SCALE PURCHASE QUALITY BANK NOTE PAPER. IT NORMALLY OBTAINS PAPER LOCALLY.
- 3. IT IS EMBASSY'S VIEW THAT HADAYA IS PROBABLY ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE COMMERCIAL DEAL WITH MINISTER DIRECTLY. NO TENDER HAS BEEN LET, BUT HADAYA'S INQUIRIES SHOULD BE REGARDED AS LEGITIMATE PROVIDED NO PAPER ACTUALLY SHIPPED UNTIL CONFIRMATION FOR ORDER SOUGHT FROM THIS EMBASSY. MURPHY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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